

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Cllrs Janet Armstrong, Tim Birt, Rod Rumsby, Karen Weir (Chair) and Jeremy Woods

**In attendance:** Heidi Frary (Clerk), CC Bowles (from 7.41pm) and DC Rogers (from 7.45pm)

**433. To receive any apologies.** None.

**434. To accept any declaration(s) of interests.**

**435. Minutes** of the meetings held in November had been circulated before the meeting and were approved.

**436. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting (not already included on the agenda)**

- Item 422 – The Village Hall will be running a fete in conjunction with the Gravity Race. **KW to contact the local school to see if they wish to enter.** The Clerk will submit an application for road closure. **Clerk to action.** TB circulated a draft advert which will be included on the website. **Any comments to TB.** TB to draft a letter for the Clerk to send to the houses at Water End Farm to inform them that the road will be closed. **TB and Clerk to action.** Media relations and advertising to be delegated to TB. Proposed: KW, seconded: RR. **KW to approach public figures to open the event.**
- Item 425 – The Parish Partnership Bid was submitted and acknowledged. The result will be known in April / May.
- The dog bin has been installed on a new post, however it appears that the initial site was on public land. The existing dog bin is rusting and a replacement will be added to the next budget.

**437. Correspondence**

- Thank you letters for donations
- Norfolk Fire & Rescue Services Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan. Retained by the Clerk.
- NALC – Sector Led Body for audit procurement. The clerk explained the options and it was agreed to remain with NALC. Proposed: TB, seconded: RR.
- Glebe Surveyor – Tree Survey within Ovington Glebe. The clerk explained that the tree survey will be completed early in 2016. Retained by the Clerk
- NCC – Proposed 50mph speed limit for A1075. There are signs already recommending 20mph and 30mph which highlight that a speed limit of 50 mph is too high. It was noted that Saham Road and The Street are currently 60mph before they enter the village and there is no indication as to whether these are going to be included. The planned northern extent of the 50 mph ends just before the HGV entrance to Barton Farm. **Clerk to contact Highways to ask them to extend the 50mph to cover the side roads of Saham Road, The Street and Church Road and also further north to cover Barton Farm.**
- Village Hall Hire charges. Retained by the Clerk
- Red Cross – request for support during May 2016. To be added to the Oracle. **TB to action.**

**438. To consider the view of the Council about the following planning applications**

- 3PL/2015/1374/F: Alston Farm, Dereham Road – Convert barn to dwelling. The council feel that the application should be refused as it is likely to increase the number of vehicles turning out on to a dangerous stretch of road. There is no employment in the area we are losing an employment opportunity. No services, footway, busses or local facilities. Proposed: TB, seconded: RR
- Otterwood Kennel update – An appeal is underway, the Clerk will inform the Council of the outcome in due course.

**439. Payment of Accounts and precept update**

The Clerk distributed a precept update and the following payments were approved

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| • Clerks Wages      | s/o     | £109.45 |
| • Village Hall Hire | chq 734 | £24.32  |

• Clerks reimbursements	chq 735	£49.90
• HMRC	chq 736	£82.00
• H Frary for computer and scanner (grant received to cover the costs)	chq 737	£542.46
Proposed: KW, seconded: TB		

**440. To agree the precept for 2016/17**

The Clerk circulated a spreadsheet with the first draft figures for the precept which was discussed. It was agreed that the precept should be increased by 2% for each band D payment. The total therefore requested is £4025. Proposed: KW, seconded: RR. **Clerk to submit the paperwork**

**441. To discuss and sign the licence between the PCC and Parish Council**

The Clerk has contacted the Diocese who confirm that this is the correct document. It replaces a temporary agreement which had expired with a more robust document. It was agreed that the Council should sign. Proposed: KW, seconded: TB

**442. To receive the Tree Survey from Rod Rumsby**

RR has inspected the trees. The cherry tree in Crown Crescent has recovered and the other trees are all in good condition.

**443. Adjournment for Public Participation**

A member of the public has mentioned that the trod is not suitable for motorised disability scooters.

CC Bowles introduced herself and agreed to support the Parish Council comments regarding the speed limit changes.

DC Rogers informed the Council that the new Local Plan will be posted to Clerks. The consultation is due to expire before the next meeting. It was agreed that it needs to be circulated and if another meeting is needed to make comments it will be arranged. He added that Watton are looking to reduce the speed limit as it leaves Watton and should link with the Ovington plans. **CC Bowles agreed to report this to Highways.**

**444. Future Business**

None

**445. Date of Next Meetings:** 3 March, **NOTE NEW DATE** - 12 May, 7 July, 1 September and 3 November 2016

Meeting closed at 8.40pm